

Knippenberg, Dorothy F.

Mrs. Dorothy F. Knippenberg, 92, of Spring Lake and formerly of Port Austin and Grosse Pointe, died Sunday, July 11, 2004, in Spring Lake. She was born June 24, 1912 in Detroit to Robert and Florence (Gebhard) Jeffers. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and attended Marygrove College. She married Frederick Knippenberg on August 10, 1934 in Detroit. He preceded her in death on November 7, 1984. Dorothy had resided many years in Port Austin, and moved to Spring Lake in 1999. Dorothy was a member and formerly very active in the United Protestant Church. She was a former member of the library board in Port Austin and the hospital auxiliary in Bad Axe. She enjoyed reading, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dorothy is survived by three daughters, Audrey Barton, of Canton, Shirley McKee and her husband, Mike, of Port Austin, and Joni Rosencrants and her husband, Leo, of Spring Lake; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Jeffers and his wife, Ruth, of Wheaton, Illinois. Her son-in-law, Richard Barton, preceded her in death. A funeral service for Dorothy will be conducted on Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at 11 a.m. at the United Protestant Church in Port Austin with the Rev. Robert Garrett and the Rev. David Freeland officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. Interment will be at Port Austin Township cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society or the United Protestant Church of Port Austin are appreciated. Assisting the family are VanZantwick, Bartels, Kammeraad Funeral Homes and MacAlpine Funeral Home.